

**DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2007**

The District 9 Committee held the October 17, 2007 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Ed Babcock, Randy Cathcart, Roger Collins, Tony Flint, Jerry Linsenbigler, Jim Manners, Carla Smith, Dave Stanley, Aaron Straub, Bob Tonkin, Susan Valentine, Cindy Wagner, Tom Wagner, Tim Walter, and Bob Wicker.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Bob Wicker to accept the minutes of the September 2007 meeting. The motion carried.

Mr. Josh Williams and Mr. Terry Straub, representing St. Marys Area High School, and Mr. Stephen Shutters and Mr. Scott Kindel, representing Union High School, addressed the committee concerning the future of their varsity football schedules. Playing an independent schedule and which PIAA district the team would participate in the football playoffs were also items of discussion.

A motion was made by Roger Collins and seconded by Ed Babcock for Chairman Manners to poll member schools to find if there is sufficient interest for the district committee to create district leagues in all sports. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Cindy Wagner to accept the treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

An update on the possible corporate sponsorship was given. There has been no recent information received from the possible resource. The finance committee will investigate other corporate sponsors.

A motion was made by Tom Wagner and seconded by Randy Cathcart authorizing the treasurer to pay all expenses of championship contests by check. The motion carried by a 14 to 1 vote.

The finance committee will meet prior to the November meeting to look at fees paid for hosting championship events. The fees would include price of ticket takers, ticket sellers, security, rental fees, field preparation fee, etc.

COMMUNICATION:

A motion was made by Tony Flint and seconded by Randy Cathcart to permit Rock Grove Senior and Junior High Schools to become members of District 10 beginning the 2008 – 2009 school year. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Mr. Donald Wismar, Principal of Johnsonburg Area High School, concerning the uniforms of the girls' volleyball team of his school. Johnsonburg Area High Schools received a waiver for the 2007 girls' volleyball season to wear their uniforms that are not in compliance with the NFHS Volleyball Rule.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Manners e-mailed District 9 schools an update of October 4 and 5, 2007 PIAA Board of Directors' meeting.

The copies of the "new" transfer rule were given to committee members to read. The committee will review the transfer rule at the November meeting.

A letter was received from Union High School inquiring in what PIAA district does a school play when its team competes in a league or conference outside its home district. The school would compete in PIAA district championship contests in the district that has jurisdiction over that school.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

A motion was made by Tim Walter and seconded by Ed Babcock to grant athletic eligibility to Brett Michael Reed. (Transferring from Whiteville, N.Y. to Northern Potter High School) The motion carried with one negative vote.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to grant athletic eligibility to Cole Walker. (Transferring from Clarion-Limestone High School to Clarion Area High School) The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Susan Valentine and seconded by Tony Flint to grant athletic eligibility to Scott Campbell. (Transferring from Clarion-Limestone High School to Clarion Area High School) The motion carried with one abstention.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Susan Valentine to grant athletic eligibility to Blair Mitchel Poulos. (Transferring from Central Catholic High School to Brockway Area High School) The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Jerry Linsenbigler to grant athletic eligibility to the following foreign exchange students:

Julian Mirow - Clearfield Area High School

Armundo Alonso Santiago Deduarte – Rocky Grove High School

The motion carried.

The following individuals were elected to the vacant positions on the District 9 Committee. Mr. Jeff Kepler, Principal at Kane Area High School, was elected to fill the vacant school position on the committee. Mr. Dave Stanley was re-elected to fill the position of the male parent's representative.

A copy of the thirteen PIAA compliance items requested by the Pennsylvania State Senate was given to the committee members.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Schools that need additional championship plaques should contact Aaron Straub, awards chairman.

The finance committee will meet in December.

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES

Cross Country (Bob Wicker, Chairman)

The number of athletes participating in the district meet was less than past years.

Golf (Tony Flint, Chairman)

The golf committee will discuss the cost of practices rounds. Schools will receive an invoice for the number of lunches that they purchased from the country clubs at district golf.

Volleyball (Aaron Straub, Chairman)

Clarion University will not be available for the district volleyball finals. St. Marys Area High School and Clarion Area High School will host the district finals.

A motion was made by Ed Babcock and seconded by Roger Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin
District 9 Secretary